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The Honorable Daniel R. Pearson
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
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Dear Chairman Pearson:

As you know, the United States and Panama have completed the negotiation of the United States – Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (“Agreement”), a comprehensive free trade agreement. The advice that the U.S. International Trade Commission (“Commission”) provided over the course of these negotiations assisted us greatly in bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion.

The President has notified the Congress of his intent to enter into the Agreement. Pursuant to authority delegated to me by the President and in accordance with section 2104(f) of the Trade Act of 2002 (Trade Act), I request the Commission to prepare a report as specified in section 2104(f)(2)-(3) of the Trade Act assessing the likely impact of the Agreement on the United States economy as a whole and on specific industry sectors and the interests of U.S. consumers.

I would greatly appreciate it if the Commission could issue its report as soon as possible. USTR staff will provide the Commission with the details of the Agreement and will be available to answer questions or provide additional information. The text of the Agreement that will be the subject of legal review is available on the USTR website.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Schwab